



By the King and Queen, A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

Requiring all Seamen and Mariners to Render themselves to Their Majesties Service.

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Whereas divers Seamen and Mariners have lately left their usual and ordinary Places of Abode, and have removed themselves into some private and obscure Places, endeavouring thereby to Avoid or Escape from Our present Service: We therefore, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, have thought fit to Publish this Our Royal Proclamation: And do hereby strictly Charge and Command all Seamen and Mariners remaining in any County of England or Wales, and not Listed in Our Service, That they forthwith Render themselves unto the Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy in London, or to the Commissioners of the Navy at Chatham, or to the Commissioners of the Navy at Portsmouth, or to the Store-keeper and Muster-Master for the Navy at Harwich for the time being, or to Henry Greenhill Agent for the Navy at Plymouth, or to Robert Henley at Bristol, or to the respective Collectors of the Customs for the several Ports and Places following, *Viz.* Ipswich, Wells, Lynn, Boston, Scarborough, Sunderland, Whitby, Southampton, Cowes, Poole, Weymouth, Lyme, Topsham, Dartmouth, Falmouth, Looe, Fowey, Truro, Pembroke, Newcastle, Hull, Leverpoole, and Great Yarmouth, in order to their being Received into Pay, and Sent on Board such of Our Ships as shall be found most expedient for Our Service: And if any of them shall hereafter be found out or discovered to have neglected to Obey this Our Royal Command, they shall be proceeded against with all Severity. And We do hereby Require all Mayors, Bailiffs, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Constables, and other Officers to whom it doth or may appertain, That they cause diligent Search to be made within all and every their Precincts, for the said Seamen and Mariners, and to Seize and Secure the Persons of such of them as shall be there found, and also all loose and unknown Persons whatsoever, who may justly be suspected to be Seamen or Watermen, and Cause them to be sent to the Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy in London, or to such other of the Persons and Places aforesaid, to which they may most conveniently be sent, in order to their being Employed in Our Service: And also send up to Our Privy Council a List of the Names of all such Seamen and Mariners as they shall procure for the Service aforesaid, together with the Names of the respective Persons to whom, and Places to which they shall send them. And the said Principal Officers and Commissioners, and other Persons aforesaid, shall give Receipts in Writing for the several Seamen and Mariners delivered to them in pursuance hereof. And We do hereby straitly Charge and Command, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, do presume to Conceal, or to further or favour the Escape of any Seamen or Mariners, or loose and unknown Persons aforesaid, upon Pain that all and singular Persons offending herein, be forthwith Committed to Prison by the next Justice of the Peace or other Magistrate, and Prosecuted with all Severity according to Law, as Persons Conspiring against Us and the Safety of Our Kingdom. And We are hereby pleased further to make known, That We have given effectual Orders to the respective Officers and Persons herein above appointed, to Receive the said Men, and for Paying forthwith to the Conductors the Imprest and Conduct-Money Disbursed upon this Service.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall, the Twenty eighth Day of January, 169 $\frac{1}{2}$. In the Third Year of Our Reign.

God save King William and Queen Mary.

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